वाणिज्य मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) (क) से (ग) सम्बन्धित विभागों से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभापटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Loss incurred in Diamond Transaction

2653. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the transactions in diamond processing industry are verbal;

(b) if so, whether Government have estimated its loss of revenue as a result thereof; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to lighten its vigil on the transactions of the industry so as to plug the leakage of Government resource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Surplus staff in Government Offices

2654. SHRI SATCHIDANANDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government found a large number of officers and staff surplus to its requirments;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether certain posts are manned by deputationists in those Departments where officers and staff are being declared surplus; particularly CCI&E where 40 per cent posts are manned by deputationists;

(d) whether Government have any proposal to repatriate deputations to their parent cadres in the first instance; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SHANTARAM POTDUKHE): (a) to (c) In pursuance of the objectives and functions assigned to Staff Inspection unit (SIU) under the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules, 1961, it reviews the man-power requirments of Government Departments (excluding the Railways which have their own arrangements) through cyclical programme of inspections drawn up well in advance under its Annual Action Plan. In addition, SIU also carries out ad-hoc studies of organisations referred to it by this Ministry of Finance involving proposals for creation of a large number of posts.

The result of studies conducted by SIU for the last 3 years is indicated in the enclosed statement (See below). The SIU studies are aimed at assessment of workload as such and no distinction is made between deputationists and non-deputationists.

Though the Office of CCI&E has not been studied for the last three years, it has been ascertained from that office that 40% posts are manned by deputationists in Grade I of the Central Trade Service, ft is in accordance with the Central Trade Service (Group 'A') Rules, 1977 as amended from time to time.

(d) and (e) Centrally no decision has been taken to repatriate deputationists from various Ministries/Departments. The modalities for effecting the reduction of staff will be worked out by the concerned Departments.

Statement

Statement showing officers & staff identified surplus by Staff Inspection Unit

Year	No. of organisations studied by S.I.U.	No. of posts identified surplus Group A	B	C	D	Total
1990-91	30	85	131	1374	3001	4591
1989-90	22	40	82	643	756	1521
1988-89	31	115	160	795	2885	3955

Rouble credit held by USSR

2655. SHRI SHIVPRASAD CHANPURIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of USSR Rouble Credit held by USSR on 31st March, 1991 due to their exports of industrial plants defence goods etc. and its time schedule and the mode of repayments; and

(b) what precaution Government has taken to see that the repayment by way of Indian goods and services are made to rightful owners of these rouble credits and not to the individual erstwhile States of USSR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR); (a) As on 31.3.1991 the total outstanding Soviet credit on government account was Roubles 941.951 million, which was equivalent to Rs. 2204.34 crores converted into Rupees at the rate of exchange of Rouble l=Rs. 23.4019 on that date. This represents the credits availed for USSR exports to India for public sector projects included in the Five Year Plans. The above figures exclude payments relating to Defence supplies. In accordance with the accounting procedure approved by the Comptroller and Auditor General for these transactions no debt liability is adjusted in the accounts. Soviet credits before April, 1977 have generally been repayable over a period of 12 years with interest payment at the rate of 2.5% per annum. Since April, 1977 repayment is over a period of 3 years and carry an interest of 2.5% per annum.

The credits are denominated in Roubles, but repayment of principal and payment of interest on them are made in non-convertible Indian Rupees which are utilised by the Soviet authorities for purchase of Indian goods for export to the USSR within the framework of the Indo-Soviet Trade Plan in force.

(b) In accordance with bilateral agreements currently in force, repayments are made to the Central Account of the Bank of Foreign Economic Affairs of the USSR maintained with the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay.

Prosecution of Cloth Merchants in Ahmedabad pursuant to Income tax raids

2656. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Un-Starred Question 2454 given in the Rajya Sabha on 21st August, 1988 and state:

(a) the details of criminal complaint No. 1862/81 filed by the police in the court of 4th Metropolitan Magistrate Ahmedabad;

(b) the details of criminal complaint filed by Income Tax department for offence under section 275 A of the Income tax Act and under sections 188 and 380 of the I.P.C. in the court of Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Ahmedabad;

(c) the details of criminal miscellaneous applications No. 145/82 filed by